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Why a Panama-Pacific Set?

Several years ago the writer presented the idea of a Californiana collection of numismatic material to then CSNA President Herbert M. Bergen. It was his (the writer's) idea that the collection might at some future time be of museum caliber. Bergen "bought" the idea, "sold" it to the CSNA Executive Board, and the collection was on its way.

Most large museum collections are in the East. The Smithsonian Institution, Chase Manhattan Bank Money Museum, National Bank of Detroit Money Museum, and others, offer much to the collector. Unless the latter lives east of the Mississippi River, however, he must travel a great distance to view their exhibits.

Although there are a few nice collections exhibited on the West Coast, they are limited. The Newport-Balboa Savings and Loan has a fine museum, and there are such specialized exhibits as those of Wells-Fargo Bank and Bank of America.

It was the belief, then, of some of our past and some of our present Board members, that the State numismatic organization should be the one to initiate such a project and it was. CSNA, however, welcomes the cooperation of the local and regional societies.

The writer's thoughts were that it would be best to concentrate our activity on obtaining numismatic material first, and at a later time to work toward housing the collection in some permanent place. He believes that this idea was sound. We have in our Californiana collection many tokens, medals and badges of this State which could not be obtained today; some were received through donations, others through purchases. You will recall that Curator Byran O. Burke, Jr. exhibited some of these in 45 display cases at the last Disneyland convention. John R. Reynolds of Fresno prepared an exhibit of our tokens for the Fresno convention — displaying one token of each California community in the collection. Burke welcomes donations of any numismatic items you wish to make to CSNA.

It was the writer's idea, shared in by others and presented at the Long Beach convention by Charles M. Johnson, that we should build a combined museum-library at some community in California central to the population. At that time, it was thought, the offices of librarian, curator and historian might be combined into one paid office, possibly to be held by one of our occupationally retired members, whose duty would be to administer the museum-library.

In the meantime, in order that our statewide membership might enjoy the collection as it is being built, plans are being studied by CSNA Director James L. Betton, Jr., for mobile exhibits or for exhibits in various parts of the State.

CSNA for several years has been spending \$300 a year for library books. This is in addition to the many book and periodical donations to the library, such as the collection of ANS Numismatic Notes and Monographs donated by Commander H. F. Bowker. A library catalog is now being compiled and it is planned to publish it within the next year. Library materials, incidentally, are available to CSNA members at no cost other than postage for mailing and return. By the time a permanent museum-library is possible, the library will be one of the best in the West.

A coin museum on the West Coast would be incomplete without a 1915 Panama-Pacific set. With this thought in mind, the Executive Board has approved a fund-raising campaign to buy an uncirculated set, and has purchased the copper frame of 1915 manufacture in which to house it. Panama-Pacific sets are not inexpensive. To buy a choice set today, one would have to think in terms of \$8,500. The copper frame, alone, cost CSNA \$800. This fund raising campaign, then, is one in which we hope all our members will share. John Cobb has accepted chairmanship of the committee. Other members will be named by the president soon. If you are interested in becoming a committee member or in helping the committee in any way, please inform the CSNA president.

Mr. Cobb is asking for contributions to the fund (details of which will be included in this issue of Calcoin News, if received in time, otherwise in the following issue), both in cash or in numismatic items to be auctioned for CSNA. Make checks payable to the California State Numismatic Association, and mark them "Panama-Pacific Fund". CSNA treasurer, S. Everett Phillips, will keep a separate accounting of these moneys. Three dealers pledged \$100 each at Sacramento. Other dealers and collectors have said they will contribute cash or numismatic materials for auction. Some way will be decided upon by the Executive Board to acknowledge donations to the fund, whether by engraving names on a large plaque or by some other means. Each issue of Calcoin News will print the names of donors, and a report as to how the fund is progressing.

Let us ALL participate in this project, whether our contribution be large or small. Let us build toward that day when our museum-library will be among the nation's finest.

The CSNA Executive Board for

some years now has been discussing the possible publication of a book of reprints, "Selections From Calcoin News", using some of the best articles to appear under such categories as Ancient Coinage, U.S. Coins, Primitive and Odd and Curious Media of Exchange, Tokens, etc.

In order to complete such a project, it will be necessary to have two complete sets of unbound copies of Calcoin News. The CSNA president has in his possession a set lacking several numbers. The historian and the librarian have other incomplete unbound files (besides completed bound volumes).

If you have any of the following issues to contribute, please mail them to Charles V. Kappen, 2201 Peachtree Lane, San Jose, Calif. 95128:

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See you at Disneyland, Nov. 2-5. Bill Wisslead and his convention committee promise one of our best conventions ever. If you know Bill, you have to believe that it will be.



THE STORY OF THE U.S. SANDWICH COINAGE

By EDWARD SINS, San Francisco

(A paper written in March 1966 for the Pacific Coast Numismatic Society's annual paper contest. This paper, which had won first prize, was read before the members of that Society at their May 1967 meeting.)

By now everyone has observed the new 1965 quarters and half dollars which are being released into circulation in ever increasing quantities. Soon dimes, of the same composition as the quarters, will be equally common in one's change. The demise of our silver coinage is a sad, but inevitable story, caused by a shortage of silver that exists in the world today.

From the time of the great Comstock Lode silver discoveries in the 1860s and 1870s, silver as a metal had been something of a drug on the bullion market. In 1934, the government passed the first of three Silver Purchase Acts designed to establish a fixed price for silver. Bills in 1939 and 1946 raised the price to the 1960 level of 90.5 cents per ounce.

By the end of World War II, silver had begun to play an increasingly important part in industry. The photographic, chemical and electronic industries were consuming more of the metal each year; and at the same time wages and prices were rising, so that it became less and less profitable to mine silver. By the year 1950, U.S. industry was consuming as much silver as was being mined, and the consumption was increasing every day. From that time on, the government sold more silver than it bought, with the deficit coming from the quantities purchased earlier. As industrial consumption continued to grow, the problem became of concern to government officials.

The problem was compounded because the silver for our coinage was

taken from the same supplies being sold to industry. The industrial development, which was consuming increasing quantities of silver, was also producing more and more coin-operated vending machines. In addition to the familiar cigarette, candy and bottled soft drink machines, one could now buy newspapers, coffee, milk, tea, pens, a place to park a car, and so on. With a little more effort on one's part, a coin operated machine will do the laundry. Each of these machines consumes coins in order to do their daily business.

By the year 1960, it was evident that the government was going to run out of silver. This meant that the supply of silver used for coinage would have to be purchased on the open market for a steadily increasing price. Now when the price of silver reaches a value just slightly higher than \$1.38 per ounce, it becomes profitable to melt the present coins in circulation for their silver content. Hence it is obvious that the silver content of our coinage would either have to be reduced or eliminated, in order to prevent a coin shortage of catastrophic proportion.

The first step in the solution was to buy time to study new coinage materials by releasing new supplies of silver. In 1961, all of the one dollar bills and some of the five dollar bills were silver certificates. These notes (which have blue seals) are backed up by $371\frac{1}{4}$ grains of silver per dollar, which corresponds to the silver content of a silver dollar. The five dollar notes were discontinued and gradually withdrawn from circulation in that same year. But, the one dollar notes were not withdrawn until 1963, since a law prohibiting the issuance of Federal Reserve notes in the one dollar denomination had to be changed.

Since the ultimate plan was to reduce the silver content of the coinage, a suitable substitute alloy had to be chosen for the job. Five criteria were established as a requirement for any coinage material selected for use: 1) The coins must be acceptable to the public. 2) The coinage material must be readily available at a reasonable cost. 3) The material must be adaptable to the mint's coinage machinery. 4) The coins must work in almost all vending machines. 5) It must be difficult to counterfeit the coins.

Particular emphasis was placed on color in dealing with public accept-

ance. A coin of the same composition as our pennies will meet the other standards, but it was feared that the difference in appearance would cause the silver coins to be hoarded. The requirement was therefore that the new coins resemble a silver coin in color.

Intrinsic value of the coins did not enter into the decision at all. In fact the reasoning of the government was that a coin is accepted because of the seal of the government impressed upon it, rather than any value that the coin has of itself. This is the means by which pennies, nickels and paper money circulate today.

Slug-detection devices in vending machines imposed severe restrictions on the choice of coinage material. In addition to the usual tests of weight, size and magnetic properties (to detect iron slugs and washers) many coin machines use a device that tests the electrical conductivity of the coin. Since silver coins are good electrical conductors, it was necessary that the new coins approach silver in conductivity. Many different alloys and metals were tested, the most seriously considered being copper-nickel alloys (as our nickels), copper-silver alloys and non-magnetic stainless steels. Copper-nickel alloys were rejected because of insufficient electrical conductivity. Silver-copper alloys were rejected because an alloy of at least 72% silver is required for adequate resistance to tarnish and for color. Stainless steel was eliminated because it was not well suited to the present minting machinery. Other alloys tested met similar fates. In other words, no single metal or alloy will meet all of the requirements imposed.

The sandwich or clad-coin concept is no more than a device to make a copper coin look like a silver coin. The center core of the new dimes and quarters is copper (an excellent conductor) and the two outer layers are 75% copper and 25% nickel, the same alloy used in our five cent pieces today. These coins can readily be detected by the telltale copper color at the edge of the coin. All of these coins will bear the date 1965, and will have no mintmark.

The new half dollars (dated with 1965, with no mintmark) are likewise clad coins, but are more deceptive because of their different composition. The edge is not nearly as noticeable and on most of the coins is not noticeable at all. The center core is a cop-

per-silver alloy having a silver content of no more than 20%. The outer layers are composed of 80% silver and 20% copper, giving the appearance of a solid silver coin. The silver content (about 40% overall) was retained largely as a concession to the silver producers. Although presented as a "prestige" coin, it is hardly that since its bullion value is only about twenty cents.

The only coin to retain its 90% silver content is the silver dollar. However, because of its high silver content, it is unlikely that this denomination will be struck again, ex-

cept possibly as special pieces for collectors.

As for the silver coins, dimes, quarters and half dollars (such as remain in circulation), these will circulate side by side with the new clad coins until such time as the government stops selling its silver reserve to industry at \$1.293 per ounce. At that time, the price of silver will seek its natural level and the silver coins will disappear from circulation. This will certainly come to pass, but it will probably not be soon and will not happen until an adequate supply of the new coinage has been released into circulation.

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Culion Emergency Money

By SYLVIA HAFFNER, San Diego

(Editor's note: In the Spring 1966 issue of *Calcoin News* we printed the very fine article 'Culion Leper Colony Coinage' by Edward M. Uhlig. We now reprint from volume 5, no. 2, 1967 issue of *Intercoin*, official publication of the International Numismatic Society of San Diego, this very informative article as to other money used by this colony.)

The need for a currency for the Culion Leper Colony in the Philippines arose during the early part of 1942, when the leper colony, an isolated island several hundred miles south of Manila where lepers were segregated, was cut off from contact with the central government due to the Japanese occupation of Manila. With the approaching exhaustion of legal tender, the Culion authorities were faced with the problem of how to pay the government expenses, including the salaries of doctors and employees and the purchase of supplies and foodstuffs for issue to the inmates. In a public meeting approval was granted for an issue of emergency paper currency under control of a special committee.

This currency was later approved by President Manuel Quezon from his emergency headquarters in Iloilo on February 9, 1942. It was utilized until July 28, 1942, when the Japanese army took possession of the island and Japanese occupational currency was provided. The emergency currency became dormant for the rest of the Japanese occupation and during the first years of liberation until the notes were recalled by the Philippine government for redemption.

Denominations of 20, 5 and 1 pesos and 50, 20 and 5 centavos were issued. Four lots were printed at different times from January 28 to May 29, 1942, amounting to a total of 144,488 pesos. The printing was carefully supervised by a committee, and all issues were properly accounted for and documented.

The distinguishing features of the Culion emergency notes are: (a) the use of colored paper: blue for large denominations and pink for fractional notes; (b) printing by mimeograph in multiple copies per stencil sheet; (c) signatures on stencils: Julio Lisbota, disbursing officer; H. W. Wade, chairman of the emergency currency committee; and J. O. Nolasco, acting chief of the Culion Leper Colony; (d) reverse marked by rubber stamp; "The Government of the Philippine Islands, Department of Public Instruction, Bureau of Health" (later issues had this phrase mimeographed; (e) all pieces of denomination numbered serially in two places with a hand numbering machine; (f) each piece marked by a row punctured by a dressmaker's burr wheel; and (g) all pieces waterproofed with a paraffin wax mixture.



Disneyland Hotel—Center of Activity

By WILLIAM O. WISSLEAD, Santa Ana

A hotel is comparable to a sea-going ship — both are self-contained units; they're run something like a small city and are just as fascinating. Like the most prosaic kind of an establishment, hotels have personalities. Some are colorful, some glamorous, some are utilitarian. Every once in a while one comes along like the Disneyland in Anaheim. Located just across the street from Walt Disney's Magic Kingdom of the same name, it has no actual connection with the park. The name, however, ties it to the amusement area with mutual benefits for both. Because it bears the magic tag, it has become known around the world. Through an adjoining heliport (second busiest in the nation) major airlines come to the door. A mere sixteen minutes by air from Los Angeles International Airport, many southland visitors route their passage to stay in Orange County, visit the park, Knott's Berry Farm, and other tourist attractions in the area. Tours fan out from the hotel door at all hours of the day and shuttle people all over Hollywood, the county, and by special pre-arrangements to other areas.

The average person may not be aware of it, but the sprawling Disneyland Hotel is the fourth largest in Southern California, and one of the most successful in the country. Its top staff has copped industry awards for distinctive service, and through its portals walk many of the era's most important, colorful and/or famous people.

Because so many convention-bound guests stay at the hotel to conduct their business meetings, Orange County has become a major nerve center of U.S. business, professional and trade progress. Other hotels and motels in the area receive their share of convention trade, but the Disneyland seems to come out on top, probably because of the heliport's close proximity.

In the beginning Disneyland Hotel started with 90 rooms. Today it has 616 rooms, some executive suites and cottages, and is just emerging from its latest expansion program with a brand new shopping center complex. The hotel is never quiet. There is a 24-hour food service, a pool, a nine-hole golf course, a 50-position driving range, and nightly entertainment. People who come here always seem to be happy. At least they have expectations. They come to do the park, visit other amusement attractions, see the Hollywood studios and attend a convention that is in progress.

And, it just so happens that here is being held the **41st Semi-Annual Convention of the California State Numismatic Association — Nov. 2-5.**

Preparations for this outstanding convention are proceeding along nicely. The several committees are functioning smoothly and all indications point to numismatic interests that you will not want to miss. We hope to see you all there.

Following is the tentative program, subject to minor changes. The official program will be available at the time of registration.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 1

- 6:00 PM — Security room opens.
- 11:55 PM — Security room closes.

THURSDAY, NOV. 2

- 8:00 AM — Security room opens. Convention floor opens for dealers in the bourse room, and for exhibitors in the exhibit room for placement of exhibits.
- 10:00 AM — Convention officially opens. Registration desk, bourse and exhibit areas open.
Hospitality room opens.
- 1:00 PM — Ladies luncheon. Fashion Show.
- 10:00 PM — Bourse and exhibit areas close.

FRIDAY, NOV. 3

- 9:00 AM — Bourse room open to dealers.
- 10:00 AM — Registration desk, bourse and exhibit rooms open.
- 1:00 PM — CSNA Executive Board meeting.
- 7:30 PM — Numismatic Forum No. 1, sponsored by CSNA.
- 10:00 PM — Bourse and exhibit areas close.

SATURDAY, NOV. 4

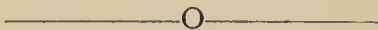
- 9:00 AM — Bourse room open to dealers.
- 10:00 AM — Registration desk, bourse and exhibit rooms open.
Auction, first session.
CSNA Business Meeting.
- 1:00 PM — Numismatic Forum No. 2, sponsored by California Exonumist Society.
- 2:00 PM — Numismatic Forum, No. 3, sponsored by Organization of International Numismatists.
Auction, second session.
- 4:00 PM — California Exonumist Society quarterly meeting.
- 6:30 PM — Cocktail hour (no host).
- 7:30 PM — Banquet, presentation of awards, entertainment. (Bourse remains open.)
- 11:00 PM — Bourse and exhibit areas close.

SUNDAY, NOV. 5

- 9:00 AM — Bourse room open to dealers.
- 10:00 AM — Registration desk, bourse and exhibit rooms open.
Sunday brunch.
- 2:00 PM — Auction, third session.
- 3:00 PM — All exhibits to be removed from exhibit room.
- 5:00 PM — Bourse room to be cleared of all dealers.
Convention officially adjourns.
- 7:00 PM — Security room closes.

MONDAY, NOV. 6

- 8:00 AM — Security room opens.
- 10:00 AM — Security room closes.



YOUR CONVENTION HOST CLUBS

SANTA ANA COIN CLUB

Early in 1958, twenty-one years after the origination of the Orange County Coin Club; seven years after the origination of the Garden Grove Coin Club; it was felt, by a group of "old time" numismatists, that there was a practical need of forming another and third club in Orange County. As a result the Santa Ana Coin Club became a reality in May 1958. The first meeting was held at the home of Joe Steele, a numismatist who had already accumulated many years in the pleasures of coin collecting.

This new club, as many other clubs can attest to, experienced growing pains and had trouble in finding suitable and sizable meeting places. However, after a few years, a permanent home, so to speak, was found in the clubhouse at the Santa Ana Civic Center. Santa Ana Coin Club soon became a member of regional organizations, both state and national, and took its place among other well organized numismatic clubs.

The club has stressed, throughout the years, obtaining the best possible in the way of educational programs, and makes it a practice of presenting a suitable trophy or plaque as a token of appreciation to the speaker, who in many instances has traveled several score miles to deliver his talk.

Due to good programs, outstanding door prizes, a high quality auction each meeting, and to a generally good and pleasant fellowship, the club has enjoyed a high average of membership attendance.

Santa Ana Coin Club, alongside the older Garden Grove Club, takes pride in co-sponsoring the 41st Semi-Annual Convention of the California State Numismatic Association at the Disneyland Hotel, Anaheim, November 2-5; and welcomes to this convention all members of other numismatic organizations, their families and friends, to enjoy the numismatic phases of the convention, to make new friends and to renew old friendships.

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GARDEN GROVE COIN CLUB

In a spontaneous effort to arouse the interest of local citizens in the pleasures and rewards of coin collecting, a handful of Garden Grove numismatists staged a small but well-heralded one-day coin exhibit during National Coin Week of 1951.

In an old hall used by the Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce more than one hundred visitors viewed the exhibits that had been hurriedly assembled. The displays produced a great deal of interest and uncovered a number of local people who had collections, large and small. The affair was considered a booming success and it was decided that, although the exhibitors were solid members of the Orange County Coin Club, there would be sufficient interest in and around Garden Grove to warrant the organization of a coin club locally.

Upon notification by phone and mail a small group showed up for an organizational meeting. Several veteran members of the Orange County Coin Club made an appearance to give an assist.

Under the guidance of the late L. L. "Jerry" Trickey, the club's first prexy, membership grew rapidly. It was soon decided larger quarters were necessary. Ben Honold, local mortician, and the club's first V-P, donated the facilities of Honold's Hut, a building adjacent to the mortuary which was made available to fast growing clubs in the area.

One of the club's first projects was an exhibit at the Orange County Fair. Along with the cooperation of the Orange County Coin Club, the clubs combined to bring the public the finest exhibitions of coins, tokens and paper money that had been assembled in the county up to that time.

During 1954 the club appeared to be losing ground. Membership declined and only a handful appeared at the meetings. At this point early members will recall the efforts of the late Clyde Dunn, veteran collector and newly elected board member. Dunn, driven by his own avid interest in the hobby and his belief that a hobby should be shared, sat at his telephone and personally contacted each member, urging that the club be revived for the good of the hobby and the community. His enthusiasm caught fire and soon the club was going stronger than ever with well planned programs. Experts were called upon for lectures, desirable door prizes were purchased, and the club boasted an auction that attracted lively bidding.

In the years that followed, Clyde Dunn was honored for his devotion to the club and finally by the award of a Life Membership Card and Medal.

The Annual Officers Installation Banquet held at Knott's Berry Farm has earned the support and enthusiasm of the members, but not without nostalgic thoughts about tables laden with home-cooked food at former potluck installation banquets at the old clubhouse.

Garden Grove Coin Club now holds meetings at the Grange Hall, Century and Taft Sts., every fourth Thursday evening, with all the facilities and friendliness to make a coin club meeting a happy and rewarding experience.

Money has four values: The value of metal it contains; the value stamped on it; the merchandise it will buy; and the price a coin collector will pay for it.

ALASKA CELEBRATING A CENTENARY

Few of us have realized that the 49th state to the north of us is also celebrating a centenary this year. It was in 1867 that the United States of America, upon the urging of Secretary of State Seward, purchased Alaska from Russia for the sum of \$7,200,000 — a paltry sum compared with revenues taken from the forests, fisheries and mining operations. Seward was a man of vision. He realized the vast potential of this land, but nonetheless the purchase for many years was referred to as "Seward's Folly" or better still "Seward's Icebox". In 1867 Canada was just emerging as a nation whereas the U.S.A. had been established in 1776, otherwise it might have been a different story.

Apparently the Americans weren't too concerned about this purchase for the customs duty for the Port of Skagway was collected by Canadian Customs and taken by the Canadian government. As late as 1903 this practice was still being carried on for my paternal grandfather was a Canadian Customs Officer at this port. Finally, one day the Americans realized what was going on and came the change.

Many medals and tokens are being issued in various Alaskan cities and villages to commemorate this historic occasion.

Reprint from VALLEY COIN CLUB BULLETIN, July 1967, official publication of the Valley Coin Club, Abbotsford, B.C.

Editor's Note: By a treaty signed with Russia on March 30, 1867, the purchase was consummated, and on Oct. 18, 1867 the formal transfer of the territory was made at Sitka.

The only foreign coin struck at the New Orleans mint was the Mexico 20¢ piece, 1907-08.

The world's largest pure nickel coins, each weighing nearly one ounce, are the Belgian 20-franc pieces minted in 1931. The smallest are the current 10-cent pieces of the Netherlands, each weighing one-twentieth of an ounce.

Sir Francis Drake's flagship, the "Golden Hind," in which he sailed through the Straits of Magellan in 1578, is featured on present English halfpence coins.

Who's Who In California Numismatics

JAMES L. BETTON, JR.

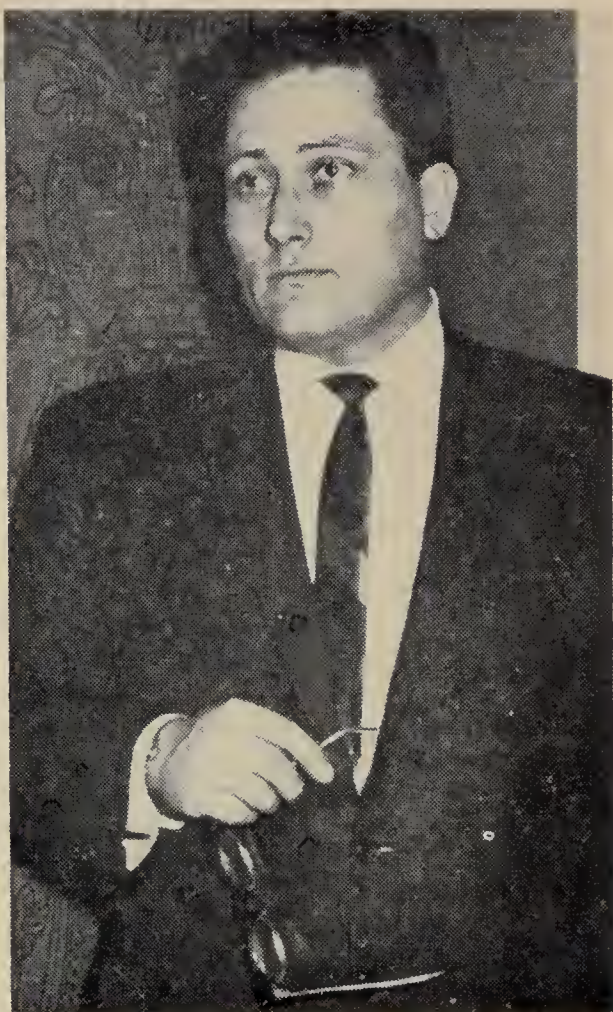
By Keith Laumer

There is an old cliché that says when you need someone to do a job, never ask the fellow with all the spare time—but ask the busiest person you know. He's the one who will always make the time and do the job right. Well, ever since **James L. Betton, Jr.** got active in our hobby, in 1952, he has always made the time and got the job done—always with the idea that it's what you do, and not mere publicity and pictures on which you should be judged.

Jim was born and raised in our own Santa Monica, California, where he attended school. Later he attended UCLA, along with studies at the Scripps's Institute of Oceanography. But somehow along the way he got into the retail jewelry business, a long way from his major in invertebrate zoology. Jim, however, through his writing, studies and research in zoology, has continued to make his name known in many sections of the world. His collections of cypraea and other shelled fishes are considered to be outstanding and very complete.

Like many of us, once bitten by the numismatic bug, Jim started collecting coins from circulation and progressed. Now he says "I seem to collect everything except cash in the bank." His specialty for the past twelve years has been trade token coinage of Australia, Canada and Great Britain. His British trade token collection is now neighboring close to 10,000 pieces. What a display that would make!

From Jim's first coin club, the Bay Cities Coin Club, he has steadily become active in every major field and organization here and abroad. If you are a member of any of these groups, you know full well Jim is not a joiner, but a worker and a numismatist in the true sense of the word. He is a member of Cal-State, NASC, ANA, ANS, TAMS, Paper Money Society,



California Exonumist Society, South Australian Numismatic Society, New Zealand Numismatic Society, Tasmanian Numismatic Society, Numismatic Society of Bombay, India—Philippines, Canadian Numismatic Association, and many many local and regional clubs and groups. He was one of the seven founders of the Society for International Numismatics, and is a Fellow of the Royal Numismatic Society.

Jim has been active in lecturing, speaking and participating in all major shows and conventions in the state and other sections of the country. He has written for many of the publications—but not all under his name. It seems several years back he wrote a paper-back mystery and got such a ribbing that he decided it was safer to hide behind a pen name with his fiction writing.

If you know this quiet, well spoken gentleman, you realize he is a real numismatist—always trying to learn, ready to work, and more than willing to help in any way he can with any job. Jim also collects friends. Let's hope you can become part of that prized collection too.

COMMEMORATIVES

By DWIGHT A. SAFFORD, San Diego

The position occupied by commemoratives in United States coinage is largely due to the fact that with few exceptions, they are the only coins of the United States that have a real historical significance. Progress and the advance of the people of our land are presented in an interesting and instructive manner, artistically presenting a record of the facts. These special coins have been issued either to commemorate certain events, or to help pay for celebrations or monuments that commemorate historical persons, places or things, and sold at a price in excess of their face value.

Of this series of coins, one of the most artistic and historical pieces would be the **CONNECTICUT TERCENTENARY** half dollar, issued to commemorate the 300th anniversary of the founding of the Colony of Connecticut. The work on the design of the coin was a PWA project, and was executed by Henry G. Kreiss under the general direction of Paul Man-ship in Essex, Conn., from the original painting by Brownell in 1856.

The "Charter Oak" is the main device on the obverse and nothing in Connecticut could have been more appropriately selected than the Charter Oak. In June 1633, standing under the branches of this tree with a hole in its side, the chief of the Pequot Indian tribe sold "Dutch Point" and much of what is now the city of Hartford to Jacob Van Curler for a bolt of woolen cloth, six kettles, six axes, eighteen knives and a pair of shears.

Based on a voyage of John Cabot in 1497, the English claimed most of North America so that when the Mo-hican Indians recommended the fertile valley of the Connecticut River to the settlers of the Massachusetts Colony, the Rev. Thomas Hooker, with a band of pilgrims, traveled overland and established the town of Hartford. Under the same oak tree, the Hooker Company bought the same property of Sequassen, chief of the River Islands, for a consignment of coats, blankets, knives and hoes; and agreed as a condition of the Bill of Sale never to cut down the old Oak Tree where the Indians for generations had conducted their tribal ceremonies.

There was never any question about the priority of the Dutch Settlement in their House of Hope, but rather their right to the preemption. In 1638, New Haven was settled by another company of emigrants from England. The first constitution was adopted in 1639, being the first time in history when a government was organized and defined by a written constitution. Its leading features were afterward copied in the constitution of the other states and of the United States, and it was the basis of the Charter of 1662.

James II sent Sir Edmond Andros to become governor of the Colony of Connecticut. He announced in the Provincial Council on the night of Oct. 31 - Nov. 1, 1687, his instructions to confiscate the Charter and to rule the Colony by decree. Suddenly the candles were extinguished. When they were relit, it was discovered that the Charter and Joseph Wadsworth had disappeared. He had run out, and had hidden the Charter in the bosom of the great old Oak Tree.

Now, a certain George Wyllys decided to leave England, and to join the Hooker Company. He sent William Gibbons and twenty men, and the framework of a large house to occupy the land assigned to him. This chanced to include the celebrated old Oak Tree, whose existence had been guaranteed in the original transfer of the land. It was Ruth, the daughter of Wyllys, who finally in 1689 divulged the hiding place of the Charter. Before the turn of the century the copy of the Charter which had been retained in England was sent over by William III. Both copies are now in the Connecticut Historical Society and the State Library Archives, and are on display quite often.

The Charter Oak was blown down in August 1856, when its age was computed to have been nearly one thousand years.

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Counterfeiters in early days were punished by having their heads chopped off. The first counterfeiter of minted money is said to have been none other than Emperor Nero.

Calendar of Numismatic Events

CALIFORNIA STATE NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

Nov. 2-5, 1967.....Disneyland
William O. Wisslead, general chairman, 2053 Cypress Ave., Santa Ana
Charles S. Geers, asst. gen. chairman, 8021 Mermaid, Huntington Beach
Warren E. Bunge, bourse chairman, 1418 N. Main St., Santa Ana
William H. Barrett, exhibit chairman, P.O. Box 373, Fullerton

May 2-5, 1968.....Jack Tar Hotel, San Francisco
John D. Sears, general chairman, 15 Poncetta Dr., Daly City
Roy Hill, asst. general chairman, 1140 Sutter St., San Francisco
Milton C. Strauch, asst. general chairman, 77 Westbrook Ave., Daly City
Aldo P. Basso, bourse chairman, 132 West 25th Ave., San Mateo
Chester Zaczkiewicz, exhibit chairman, 447 Clipper St., San Francisco

Fall 1968.....Biltmore Hotel, Los Angeles

OTHERS

Sept. 14-17.....Northern California Numismatic Assn. Annual Convention
Jar Tar Hotel, San Francisco
Mrs. Lillian Hooker, secretary, 1664 Fairwood Ave., San Jose

Sept. 16-17.....Northern Santa Barbara County Fourth Annual Coin Show
Veterans Memorial Hall, Pine and Tunnel, Santa Maria
Vance Harp, bourse chairman, 526 W. Cook St., Santa Maria

Sept. 17.....Oxnard Coin Show
Community Center, 800 S. "H" Street, Oxnard
Olive M. Anthony, 1730 N. "M" Street, Oxnard

Sept. 23-24.....San Diego County Inter-Club Numismatic Council
Tenth Annual Coinarama, Scottish Rite Memorial Temple, Mission Valley
L. L. Lundberg, general chairman, 4042 Vivian St., San Diego

Sept. 30 - Oct. 1.....Central Coast Coin Club Annual Coin-A-Rama
Veterans Memorial Bldg., San Luis Obispo
James R. Silva, general chairman, P.O. Box 670, San Luis Obispo

Oct. 1.....Diablo Numismatic Society Fifth Annual Coin Fair
Recreation Center, Civic Drive, Walnut Creek
Mrs. I. M. Ezidro, publicity chairman, 3264 Hudson Ave., Walnut Creek

Oct. 7-8.....Sacramento Valley Coin Club Annual Coinarama
Governor's Hall, State Fair Grounds, Sacramento
Bob Martin, general chairman, 2026 Broadway, Sacramento

Oct. 14-15.....Downey Numismatists Second Annual Coin Show
Women's Club House, 9813 Paramount Blvd., Downey
Gordon Z. Greene, exhibit chairman, P.O. Box 165, Downey

Oct. 15.....Lake Tahoe Coin Club Ninth Annual Dollar-ama
Harvey's Resort Hotel Casino, Stateline, South Shore, Lake Tahoe
Darryl D. Gunther, president, P.O. Box 275, Crystal Bay, Nevada

Oct. 21-22.....West Valley Coin Club Annual Coin Showcase
Carpenters Hall, 7500 Van Nuys Blvd., Van Nuys
Mrs. Ruth Johnson, 16032 Gault St., Van Nuys

Nov. 12.....East Bay Coin Club Annual Coinival
YMCA, Oakland
Don Crosman, president, 1130 Mountain Blvd., Oakland

THE PORTRAIT ON THE COIN

By W. deVROOM, Newborough, Vic., Australia

When we pick up any coin, irrespective of age, we more or less expect to find the head of a monarch or ruler on it. Although the usage of portraying the human head on a coin was introduced many centuries ago, there was a time when the head of any person was an unknown factor on a coin.

The coins minted before 500 B.C. invariably show an animal or fish which used to be the symbols of the cities or districts of issue. These symbols followed closely those of seals of the city or of the imperial seal, which is not surprising when we remember that the first designers of the coins were the same craftsmen who designed and made the seals.

Later as time went on the animal figures were replaced by the head of a god or goddess, this alteration demanding great skill on the part of the designer and d'ie maker.

After the death of Alexander the Great, in 323 B.C., one of his generals by name of Lysimachus became King of Thrace. Lysimachus had the head of Alexander struck on his coins, but this was however not the purest form of the human head.

Alexander the Great, namely, had always claimed to be a descendant of Heracles and the adopted son of the god Jupiter-Ammon. Lysimachus' coins show the head of Alexander in a deified (god-like) form, complete with ram's horns of the god Jupiter-Ammon. These coins were the first European ones on which the portrait of the human head was shown.

Ptolemy Soter (323-284 B.C.), founder of the dynasty which ruled Egypt for about 250 years, was the first ruler to place his own head on a coin.

All the heads as shown on early Roman coins were not contemporary, and it took to about 50 B.C. before the head of a living person appeared on the Roman coinage.

During the centuries to follow we find the heads of the various rulers as designed during their life time, and this is one of the many reasons that makes the possession of a coin collection such an interesting thing. When we are lucky enough to be able to accumulate a number of coins, covering

a long period in history, we have a contemporary portrait gallery of all those persons who played their part in the formation of our history. That in itself should certainly awaken one's interest in coin collecting and in the history which so abundantly surrounds the coins.

During the middle ages the portrait of the ruler is invariably shown full-face, and as a result the coins are difficult to identify by the portrait alone. During the reign of Henry VII we see a vast improvement regarding the design of the head, which has become more true to life, and this has been the aim of the designers ever since. However, it must be said that the Romans had already achieved a very high standard on life-like portrayal on their coins.

Henry VIII minted some of his coins full-face and it is during his reign that this practice ceased. Reason for discontinuance of full-face coins must be sought in the wear of the coins. The full-face of the debased issue when becoming worn showed the king without a nose, giving reason enough to change the design to the system of left or right as it has maintained itself to date.

Since Elizabeth I we often see the head of a ruler facing an opposite direction compared with that of his predecessor. It is since the reign of Charles II that this has become a regular feature. This has given rise to the assumption that Charles II didn't want to face the same way as Cromwell on his coins and literally turned his back on the Puritan regime.

Most countries have followed the pattern of changing directions at the change of a ruler, although the motivation is hardly likely to be the same as that of Charles II.

Rulers who have been on the throne for a long span of time show heads of varying design and collectors usually know these types of coins as being first type, second type, etc. The coins of Queen Victoria are perhaps better known as "Young Head", "Jubilee Head", "Gothic Head", etc. These names are, of course, more descriptive than a mere reference to type by number, in particular the contempo-

rary name given to the first coin of George III, being the Irish halfpenny of 1766. This type was more popularly known as "Silly Head", a description just as colorful as that of the "Booby Head", a U.S.A. cent of 1839.

With the introduction of the new decimal coins in Australia, we will see the second type head of Queen Eliza-

beth II, which type is already in use in Canada. The new design shows a very dignified head of the Queen, and we can only hope that this head may grace our coins for a long, long time to come.

(Reprint from the *Morwell Numismatic Society Newsletter*, Morwell, Vic., Australia, dated Dec. 13, 1965.)

REPORTS FROM . . .

OUR OUT-OF-STATE MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

A copy of a letter from **Admiral O. H. Dodson**, director of the Classical and European Culture Museum, University of Illinois, addressed to Abe Kosoff of Encino, was recently received. It read:

"'Coins: Investment or Gambling?' in the Summer 1967 issue of *Calcoin News* was an illuminating and astute article. Every collector should have an opportunity to read it.

"Congratulations—let's have more."

From our Portland, Ore., member, **Dudley L. McClure**, came the sad news of the death on June 25 of another of our Portland members — **William N. Worth**.

Bill had been a Cal-State member since 1955, and was well known for his numismatic activities in the local and regional clubs, as well as in ANA. He will be missed.

From **Mrs. Helen Webb**, CSNA No. 770, of Chicago, Ill., came a memo to our secretary: "I'm sorry but time seems to be catching up with me and with dear Dr. Curtis gone it isn't likely I'll be getting out to California again in a hurry, much as I wish it wasn't so. So, think it best not to "hang on" and renew my membership. Though I've thoroughly enjoyed my "*Calcoin News*" through the years and thank all of you."

We are, of course, sorry to lose Mrs. Webb as one of our members — but certainly do appreciate her remarks about *Calcoin News*.

From **Ray Manville**, editor of the *NENA NEWS*, official publication of the New England Numismatic Association, came a letter in reply to one from your editor:

"Thank you very much for the copy of the Summer 1967 issue of *Calcoin*

News. Maurice Gould had written me about your publication but had failed to tell me of what a fine job you do. *Calcoin News* is a superb quarterly publication.

"Thank you too for requesting permission to use articles from *NENA NEWS*. This is, of course, granted, and permission to use articles from *Calcoin News* is gratefully received."

Your editor and Ray Manville have placed each other on a complimentary exchange basis—to the benefit of both of us, I am sure (inasmuch as the *NENA News* is an excellent regional publication).

George Cheesman wrote requesting permission to reprint certain articles from *Calcoin News* in the *MANA Journal*, quarterly publication of the Middle Atlantic Numismatic Association. Permission was, of course, granted.

The authors of the articles reprinted will in due time be furnished with a copy of that particular issue of the *MANA Journal*.

MEMO TO ALL OUR OUT-OF-STATE MEMBERS —

Please keep in mind that this is your column. Let us hear from you. Any comments you wish to make will be printed.

The two largest gold nuggets ever discovered were found near Toowoomba, Australia, in 1851; one weighed 186 lbs, 7 ozs, and the other 183 lbs, 1 oz.

In 1946 the United States had in its possession over 28 billion dollars in gold; approximately 70% of all the ready gold in the world. Today the United States has approximately 6½ billion dollars in gold in its possession; that is about 11% of the world total. Quite a change!



The Bronze Two Centavos of Mexico

By DR. C. W. ABY, San Rafael

Mexico, up to late modern times, had depended economically on its mineral resources for world trade. Silver accounted for the greater part of its exports. The silver eight reales and pesos were widely used as coined exchange throughout world markets.

At the turn of the century the price of silver had been fluctuating so widely and wildly that the domestic supply of coins had been badly affected. The Mexican government decided on a monetary reform and decreed a marked change in the minor coinage. The peso would remain at the same weight and fineness, but the 50¢, 20¢ and 10¢ would be reduced in fineness to .800. The 5¢ would be made of nickel, and a new denomination of 2¢ would be minted. It was created in order to establish a bridge between the 1¢ and 5¢.

Because the country, particularly before the First World War, conducted much of its commercial transactions among the common people in copper coins, it was believed that to create the new coin would facilitate these transactions. The times, the prevailing conditions and the fact that the public had always viewed copper coins with a certain repugnance tossed this theory out of the window. It became evident quite soon that the experiment was not successful. After intermittent emissions the 2¢ piece of 1905 was demonetized by decree in December of 1942.

The original coinage was authorized in March 1905, but because of the great amount of work necessary to

change the dies and alloys only 50,000 pieces were coined in 1905 at the Mexico City mint. A large order was placed with the Birmingham, England, mint for both 1¢ and 2¢ centavo for the year 1906. Nearly ten million 2¢ pieces were made and shipped to Mexico. There are no distinguishing marks on them.

In 1910 the dictator-president of Mexico, General Diaz, was overthrown by a revolt headed by Francisco Madero, who was then elected president. In 1913 President Madero and his vice president were assassinated. The central government was taken over by General Victoriano Huerta. It was popularly believed that Huerta was responsible for the deaths of Madero and Suarez. Revolutionary activity broke out all over Mexico. A group headed by General Venustiano Carranza took over. There was a break in relations between Carranza and the Convention of Aguascalientes and the capital was attacked. The Carranzistas abandoned the capital. In June of 1915 the executive power was in the hands of Francisco L. Chazaro.

A decree was issued dated 29 June 1915 authorizing the minting of 1 and 2 centavo coins of a smaller size. The mint complied with the order and coined 486,980 pieces of 2¢ of the same alloy as the copper coins previously minted. The design and workmanship were of the finest and copied the regular issues faithfully except for the size. The 2¢ piece was 20 mm in diameter and weighed 3 gms. They were destined for a short life, lasting

15 months, and were made illegal in October 1916.

Beginning again in 1920 the regularly authorized 2¢ pieces were coined from time to time until 1941. None were minted after 1942.

In 1949 they were again authorized by presidential decree. The obverse was to have the national shield with ESTADOS UNIDOS MEXICANOS around the edge. The reverse was to

bear in the field a stalk of corn, with the leaves spread to divide it into four zones. The left upper was to have the Arabic numeral 2; the right upper, the abbreviation Cs for centavos; the lower left, the mint mark MO; and the lower right, the date similar to the arrangement of the current 1¢. They were to be of a diameter of 19.5 mm, and weight of 3 gms, of an alloy 85% copper and 15% zinc. They were never engraved or minted.

NEWS, VIEWS AND WHOS

North of the Tehachapis

By JERRY KROEGER

Darryl Gunther, president of the **Lake Tahoe Coin Club**, announced it will hold its 9th annual coin festival, this year to be called "Dollar-ama," Oct. 15, at Harvey's Resort Hotel Casino, State Line, Nevada. Bourse applicants will participate in a drawing for one night's lodging at Harvey's. Displays will be in five categories: U.S. Coins, Medals, Foreign, U.S. Currency and Miscellaneous.

At the July meeting LTCC had a good old-fashioned "Gabfest", discussing items of coin collectors' interest.

"Coin Laundry" for "Filthy Lucre" is a feature of the **Commonwealth National Bank of San Francisco**. All of its coins are washed and burnished before being released into circulation, according to George Christopher, Chairman of the Board and former Mayor of the "City by the Golden Gate".

Marin Coin Club of Mill Valley awarded Certificates of Award to **W. F. Fritsche**, speaking on Counterfeit Coins; **Capt. Edward Moore**, Toll Bridge Coins; and **Harry Warner**, Coins and Investing.

The club meets in Brown's Hall, San Rafael, on the third Wednesday of each month.

Among the activities of the **Sacramento Valley Coin Club** was the annual Family Picnic held Sunday, June 25, at McKinley Park, with "Bill" Andrews as general chairman and **Ralph Cox** in charge of the food. There was a good attendance.

Final plans are being made for the club's annual Coin-a-Rama to be held Oct. 7 and 8, in the Governor's Hall on the California State Fair Grounds, Stockton Blvd., and Broadway. **Robert Martin** is general chairman and **Don Raines**, bourse chairman.

Colored slides, supplied by ANA, were shown at the June meeting, and which were enjoyed by all.

A committee was recently appointed to revise the By-Laws and Constitution. In accordance to Roberts Rules of Order, the separate reading and adoptions were made, and final vote accepted as such.

Frank Roza, one of our members, was elected to the Board of Directors of CSNA.

Type coins of the Americas, including North, South and Central America coinage, were featured at a recent meeting of the **Collectors Coin Club** of San Jose.

Bill Weber won a 20th century type set holder for answering the most questions correctly in the group's monthly coin quiz.

The club meets at the Citizen's Federal Saving and Loan Building on the third Thursday of each month.

Milton Strauch read an article entitled "Stuivers of the Netherlands", written by **W. deVroom**, at the July meeting of the **Pacific Coast Numismatic Society**. **W. deVroom** is our member from "Down Under" of Newborough, Vic., Australia. Milton supplemented the article with coins from

his own collection which included early counterstamped pieces of the Netherland colonies.

Our 52nd annual banquet was held at the Montgomery House, with 49 members and guests attending. This was seven more than last year. Our custom of honoring a member for long membership or outstanding service to the Society was dispensed with. Instead, two of our members were honored with a belated surprise wedding gift. A lovely Fostoria Coin Glass Centerpiece was presented to **Irene and Clifford Liss**.

At the banquet, in the cash awards, young **Bill Fies** drew the ticket which won the \$50 first award for **Mrs. Irene Liss**. **Mrs. Sylvia Novack** (though not present) won the second award of \$25; and **Mrs. A. W. Million** (also not present) won the third award of \$10. The gold \$5 door prize was won by **Clifford Bloom**. Second and third prizes were won by **George Sailor** and **Miss Maxine Bryce**, and consisted of six beautifully packed jars of homemade preserves, with the label reading: "made in the kitchen of **Don Thrall**". There were also a variety of favors to be taken home. The evening was enjoyed by all.

Henry Erlich, Livermore, with a display of "Coin Metals and Alloys of the World", took best of show honors at the recent third annual Coin-A-Rama, sponsored by the **Redwood Empire Coin Club**, Santa Rosa, according to **Addie Tieman**, Coin-A-Rama chairman and secretary of the club.

Winning first in the U.S. coin category was **Ben Hall**, Santa Rosa, said **Juanita La Brec**, exhibit chairman.

Marjorie Hoefer, showing a group of Independence Day coins, took best of show honors at the recent eighth annual **Modesto-Turlock Coin Club Carnival**, reports **Harold J. Merkel**, club spokesman.

Exhibit winners receiving first place awards in the various categories included **Vincent Beretta**, Sacramento; **Marjorie Hoefer**, Modesto; **C. C. Beery**, Modesto; and **Gerald Bestpitch**, Sacramento. Second place winners were: **Dr. H. D. Wesley**, **C. Dewey Maggard**, **Paul Endler**, **Beretta** and **Bestpitch**. **Maggard**, **Dr. Wesley** and **Alice Radford** also received third place awards.

Some 400 persons visited the carnival, **Merkel** said.

The show committee consisted of **Ted Fischer**, **Merkel**, **Frank Brower** and **Tom Taylor**.

The May meeting of the **Peninsula Coin Club** was held at the Palo Alto Recreation Center, 1305 Middlefield Road in Palo Alto, at 8:00 P.M. Theme of the meeting was **Coinage Materials**.

Feature speaker for the evening was **Ed Sins**, reading his paper entitled "The Story of the Spanish Coinage".

Other meeting topics were "British Commonwealth, Past and Present" in June, and "Other Hobbies" in July.

Twenty-three members and guests witnessed the election of **Torben Lindstrom** as president. Elected to serve with **Lindstrom** were **Tom Boyce** of San Jose, vice-president; and **Roy Hill** of San Francisco, secretary-treasurer. Elected to the Board of Directors were past president **Charles Ish** of Mountain View, **Ray Erkson** of Santa Clara and **Joseph Hartog** of Palo Alto.

Visalia Coin Club recently held an election and for the first time in its history re-elected an outgoing president back into the president's seat. **Grant Rahn** had this honor, a club report stated.

Other officers elected included **Jack Schwarz**, vice-president, and **Jack Green**, secretary-treasurer.

Fred Tinkham of Hanford displayed O.P.A. tokens and gave a talk on this subject. **Joe Stein**, a charter member, displayed his collection of U.S. proof sets in plastic holders.

At a later meeting, the club planned to have **Everett Jewett**, author of "Jewett's Misstrikes and Oddities in the Lincoln Cent" as guest speaker.

The **Fresno Numismatist**, published jointly by the **Fresno Numismatic Society** and the **Central California Coin Club** reports the **Fresno Coinarama** was a howling success, both financially and numismatically. Many bourse dealers were turned away for lack of space—what a tremendous demand there was! The exhibits were varied, interesting and very worth while. "**Bud**" **Hicks** and his capable committee are to be congratulated upon their smooth performance. A

repeat is already being planned for next year.

Coming up fast is the **Fresno District Fair**, as October is not very far away. Contact **Everett Phillips** as to details and for space reservations for your displays.

Newly elected officers of the **North Bay Coin Club**, Richmond, are: **William Edwards**, president; **Henry Carter**, first vice president; **Ken Fitch**, second vice president; **W. R. Skaar**, treasurer; and **Lyn Lynch**, secretary. Trustees are **Ben Allin**, **Marie Triney**, **Pat Kelly** and **L. D. Piquet**.

The meeting place has been changed to the **El Cerrito Recreation Club**

House, **Tassajara** and **Barret Avenue**, **El Cerrito**.

The speaker at a recent meeting of the **Central California Coin Club**, **Fresno**, was **John Miles Baker**, founder and/or pioneer of the "First Day, First Issue Coin Cover".

CCCC was organized in February 1965, and the membership is growing rapidly. Meetings are held on the second and fourth Sundays of each month. A special feature of the auction is the "mystery boxes", set up as the fifth lot with five in all. These boxes contain a prize worth from \$5 to \$8, and one of the five boxes contains a \$5 gold piece. The bidding is very spirited on these special lots.

SPECIAL MEMO TO ALL LOCAL CLUB OFFICERS: My sincere thanks to those officers who are faithfully sending me each month a copy of their bulletin or copy of their secretary's report, for use in the above column. However, it is noted that many of the local clubs North of the Tehachapis, and members of Cal-State, are not cooperating. Please keep in mind that I cannot include the doings of the local clubs if I do not get some sort of a report.

— **JERRY KROEGER**

South of the Tehachapis

By **PEGGY BORGOLTE**

NUMISMATIC CLASSES

Numismatists of Southern California will have their first opportunity to receive numismatic instruction under **Maurice M. Gould** of **Sepulveda**, as he again assumes the classroom chalk and eraser at the **Long Beach City College**.

On September 20, the lecture subject will be "Introduction to Numismatics", followed on Sept. 27 by "U.S. Coins and Paper Currency".

Classes on Oct. 4 and 11 will embrace "Foreign Coins and Paper Money" and "Tokens and Medallion Art". Each class will include an hour lecture, a question and answer period and an hour slide presentation.

Charles M. Johnson, **Long Beach**, founded the course in 1965, and will be available as an advisor to the class.

Maurice Gould made a name for himself in New England when he conducted beginning and advance courses in numismatics at the **Massachusetts Institute of Technology** in **Boston**.

For complete information, numismatists may write **Richard Jones**, Department Head-Forum, **Long Beach City College**, 1305 E. Pacific Coast Highway, **Long Beach, Calif. 90806**.

HOME AND HEADQUARTERS

The **American Numismatic Association Home and Headquarters** dedication June 10 was so well attended that the dedication medals were gone long before all the visitors present were able to view the new home. Ceremonies began with the raising of a flag that had previously flown over the U.S. capitol in Washington, D.C. The flag was donated by **Miss Eva Adams**, **Director of the U.S. Mint**.

Officials and numismatists from all over the nation were present and the following from California were seen among them: **Herbert** and **Mrs. Bergen**, **Maurice** and **Mrs. Gould**, **Charles Johnson**, **Jack Ogilvie**, **Ralph "Curly" Mitchell**, **Dan Harley**, **Alva Christensen**, **Ethel Stone**, **Pearl Johnson**, **James Betton**, **Gordon Greene**, **Ed** and **Peggy Borgolte**, just to mention a few.

C.O.I.N.

The fourth annual Convention of **International Numismatics** was an outstanding success. Trading was brisk and heavy in the bourse room and the outstanding numismatists from the U.S. and other countries is far too long to list. Educational forums were presented by each of the ten Sponsoring Clubs, scheduled so that one could attend them all. Noted speakers were: **Jim Center**, **Maurice Gould**, **Dr. Alberto F. Pradeau**, **Sol Alexander**, **Federico Claveria**, **Vance Hutchinson**, **William Wisslead**, **Joel Malter**, **Mel Kohl**, all of California. **Virgil Hancock**, **Bellaire**, Texas; **Matthew J. van der Voort**, **Amsterdam**, Netherlands; and **Neil Shafer**, **Racine**, Wisconsin.

There were 66 numismatic exhibits filling 150 display cases. **Claire Abelson** captured the Best-of-Show award donated by **Jess Peters**, **Decatur**, Ill. Other special award winners were **Harvey W. Oshrin**, **Clair H. Dion**, **Dr. Manuel Kaplan**, **Hal Bavaird**, **Armando Ojeda**, **Randolph Pock**, Sr., **Robert Meyer**, **Fred J. Floerke**, **Melvin J. Kohl**, **Sally Marx**, **Jack B. Nestle** and **Esther Taller**. Best junior achievement went to **Gary Heiserman**.

SHOW SUCCESSFUL

"Well-organized", "successful", and "fun" were heard from departing visitors, collectors and dealers at the close of the Ninth Annual **Santa Barbara** two-day show. Dealers and guests alike enjoyed free coffee served twice daily, and the hourly drawings for prizes were topped with **Bob Thomas** of **Fullerton** winning the **St. Gaudens \$20 gold piece**.

First place exhibit winners were: **Ray Bower**, **B. B. Crow**, **Mrs. Marietta C. Wixson**, **E. D. Riffel** and **Gordon Z. Greene**. Best of Show was won by **John Gork's** display, "The **Royal Maundy**".

Hardworking committee chairmen included **Cherie Kutzner**, **Bob Barber** and **Don Jurgensen**.

TENTH ANNIVERSARY

Southern Hub Coin Club celebrated its tenth birthday July 9th with 80 members and quite a few guests attending. Eight past presidents including Charter president, **Clarence A. Dunbar**, were present.

Entertainment was supplied by Master of Magic, **William J. van Berkel** from **Holland** and his assist-

ant, **Miss Brenda Moore**. There were 21 exhibit cases on display and the coveted Presidents Award certificate was won by **William A. Sadler**. **David Parrish** won the junior award.

77th ANA CONVENTION

With the 76th American Numismatic Association convention over, **San Diego Numismatic Society** is rolling up its sleeves to work on the 77th. Following is the first listing of chairmen: **Al Baber**, general chairman; **Stu Edgerton**, co-general chairman; **L. L. Lundberg**, registration; **Dorothy Baber**, pre-registration; **Sylvia Haffner**, exhibits; **Kay Edgerton**, publicity; **Ted Gottschall**, finance; **Francis Jones**, bourse; **Joe Garside**, club breakfast; **Evie Kelley**, communication center; **Frank Huss**, special events; **Ed Beals**, Mexican trip; and **Margaret Mooney**, ladies events.

I.N.S.S.D.

International Numismatic Society of **San Diego** held its installation of officers dinner on Wednesday, July 26, with approximately 80 persons present. **Maurice Gould**, nationally syndicated coin columnist, acted as the installing officer, as well as guest speaker.

WINNER ANNOUNCED

San Diego's 200th Anniversary Medal Design Committee made the announcement of the winners of this contest on Friday, July 21. First place award went to a non-numismatist, **Eric A. Poulson**, a staff artist on the **Evening Tribune**. Mr. Poulson also received two Honorable Mentions. It is interesting to note that out of 62 entries, only one numismatic club member won a prize, and this was **Mrs. Terry Crawford** of **La Mesa Coin Club**.

SECOND ANNIVERSARY

Israel Coin Club of **Los Angeles** observed the second anniversary of its organization in June of this year. The first meeting of the group was held following a stamp meeting, June 27, 1965 when twelve people elected temporary officers. The club is believed to be the first group in America devoted entirely to numismatics of the Holy Land.

MONEY MUSEUM IN LOS ANGELES

The **Numismatic Association** of **Southern California** announced the dedication of their permanent Money Museum Wednesday, July 19, at 1:00

P.M. on the main banking floor of the new forty-two story Union Bank building at Fifth and Figueroa Streets in Los Angeles.

Ernest W. Hood, Curator, is in charge of the material currently on display, which consists of U.S. coins, foreign coins, Exonumia, and Odd and Curious Money of the World. The material on display will be changed from time to time so the public can view without charge this extensive collection. The public may visit the museum, 10 A.M. to 3 P.M. Monday through Friday.

HERE AND THERE

Echo Park Coin Club announced a "School of Numismatics" was conducted at their June meeting.

Blind man's auction was the highlight of **San Bernardino County Coin Club** at its May meeting. **Bryan Burke** conducted the auction, among the concealed lots was a \$5 gold piece.

San Diego Numismatic Society celebrated its 30th birthday June 5. A home cooked spaghetti dinner was served. Cost of the dinner was \$1.00 for adults and 50¢ for children.

"Second Hobbies in Displays" was the feature at a recent **Monterey Park Coin Club** meeting. **Mae Starke** won top honors with a picture made from broken jewelry.

World Coin Club of Lakewood now has an emblem designed for use on membership cards and stationery.

Orange Coast Coin Club has a new meeting date and location. The club meets the first Wednesday each month at 7:30 P.M. at the **Newport Beach Elks Club**, 3456 Via Oporto, Newport Beach.

Raymond Toy and **Bob Meyer** have collaborated in authorship of "World War II Axis Military Currency". This new illustrated edition contains 98 pages and has 80 illustrations, with the valuations of most issues, and will prove very interesting to all paper money collectors.

Another new release is **Sylvia Haffner's** "The History of Modern Israel's Money, from 1917 to 1967". This guide to the collecting of Israel's coins, medals, banknotes and Palestine Mandate has more than 400 photographs within its 200 pages.

"History of the Jewish Coinage", by **Frederic C. Madden**, has been reprinted for **Joel L. Malter**. The 350 page volume, originally published in

1864, contains illustrations of 254 coins, a foldout plate of alphabets, a chapter devoted to Jewish weights and extensive footnotes. Where Hebrew writing is used, the translation appears immediately after it. Collectors may obtain the book for \$12.

A. B. "Buck" Perrin announced the opening of **Universal Coin Galleries**, 606 E. Walnut St., Pasadena, Calif. It was formerly known as **Mercury Coin Galleries**.

NEW OFFICERS

COVINA COIN CLUB **Len Jasmin**, president; **Peter Kunza**, vice president; **Mary Peters**, secretary; **William A. Koch**, treasurer; and **Deanna Jasmin**, librarian. Installing officer, **Dan Harley**.

WORLD COIN CLUB OF LAKEWOOD — **Roy Beltz**, premier; **W. W. Goodhue**, premier-elect; **Carol Miller**, scribe; **Irv Wenger**, minister of finance. Installing officer, **Frank Randall**.

SANTA ANA COIN CLUB — **Warren Bunge**, president; **Joe Steele**, vice president; **William Wisslead**, treasurer; and **Harry Jones**, secretary.

SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY COIN CLUB — **Howard Smith**, president; **Sam Lopresto**, vice president; **Nona Moore**, secretary; and **Herb Feinberg**, treasurer; elected for two years.

BE LO CE COIN CLUB — **Cletys Carr**, president; **Clem Tydings**, vice president; **Velma Mowat**, secretary; **Corwin Vencill**, treasurer; and **Gert Posten**, bulletin editor.

C.O.I.N. — **Lawrence Morton**, president; **Irv Brotman**, vice president; **Dorothy Greene**, corresponding secretary; **Peggy E. Borgolte**, recording secretary; and **Richard Bergers**, treasurer. **Charles Colver** was installing officer.

CLUB SPEAKERS

Charles Colver, Redlands, May, "British Colonial Coinage". **Sol Compagna**, Fontana, "Colonial Coins". **Maurice M. Gould**, Orange County, May, "Past, Present and Future of Numismatics". **Pete Mitchell**, Ocean-side - Carlsbad, May. **Paul Hamm**, Chula Vista, April, "So Called Dollars".

C. G. Monroe, Poway Coin Club, May, "U. S. Currency and Bank Notes". **Ralph Marx**, Bay Cities (Los Angeles), June, "Ancient Coins". **William O. Wisslead**, Downey, June,

"Liberty Bell". **William Hammond**, Los Angeles, June, "The History of U.S. Coins". **Harold Donald**, Southern Hub, June, "Early World Coinage".

Lee Martin, Bay Cities (Los Angeles), May, "Slides 1917 and 1918 Nickels and Quarters". **Howard Smith**, San Bernardino, June, "U.S. Fractional Currency". **Ray Whyborn**, Upland, June, "Mexican Coinage". **Irwin Wenger**, Long Beach, June, "Lep-er Colony Coinage". **Ray Reinohl**, Verdugo Hills, May, "How to Exhibit". **Robert L. Clarke**, Orange County, June, "Coins of Switzerland".

Detective Don Newby, San Diego Numismatic Society, May, "Protection of Your Home and Collection". **Maurice M. Gould**, Verdugo Hills, June, "Numismatics, Past, Present and Future". **John Ballard**, Glendale, June, "Mexican Currency". **Al Baber**, INSSD, June, "The French Ecus Crown Size Coins". **Jack Williams**, East Los Angeles, May, "Lucky Coins".

Herbert Bergen, Redlands, "Silver Dollars of the U.S.". **John Miles Baker**, Anaheim, "First Day of Issue".

Ethel Leuhert, Upland, July, "Mission Medals". **John Lenker**, San Bernardino, July, "Coins of Ethiopia". **R. B. Carter**, Covina, July, "U.S. Transportation Tokens". **John Haldiman**, Orange County, July, "Development of Coinage Through the Ages".

Detective Snaugans, Anaheim Police Dept., Anaheim, June, "How to Eliminate Home Burglaries". **Irving "Nick" Knickerbocker**, San Diego Numismatic Society, July, "My Early Collecting". **Ed Borgolte**, Culver City, July, "ANA Dedication". **Arnold C. Larsen**, Special Agent F.B.I., Los Angeles, July. **Sol Alexander**, Long Beach, July, "My Gold Coins from Discovery in Florida".

John Petricevich and **Claude Thomas**, Anaheim, July, "Identification and Valuation of Coins". **Maurice M. Gould**, West Valley, July, "50 Years of Numismatic Media". **Jerry Yahalom**, North Hollywood, July, "Coins of Israel". **Karl M. Brainard**, Glendale, July, "Grading of Coins". **Dr. Bruce Wallace**, San Diego Numismatic Society, August, "Earlier Days of Collecting". **William Wisslead**, Long Beach, August, "Let Liberty Ring".

HELP - HELP - HELP

Does your club have a bulletin? Am I on your mailing list? Do I read your bulletin?

The last question can best be answered by the following taken from a club bulletin: "Our thanks to Peggy Borgolte for taking time to read our bulletin and use excerpts from it in Calcoin News".

If you do not have a bulletin, please have an officer or your publicity chairman drop me a line about your speakers, programs, special events and new officers.

A regular complaint: "Our coin show was not listed". Many times this information reaches us too late to publish. It would be to your club's advantage to drop us a line as soon as you have set the date and named the chairman, even if it is six or eight months in advance. We are trying to keep our "Calendar of Numismatic Events" as complete as possible.

ANA NEWS

From all reports the recent American Numismatic Association convention at Miami Beach was a grand success.

Our congratulations to the successful officers in the election — and it might be of interest to note that all nine of the elective officers are CSNA members!

Highlight of the auction was the sale of the McDermott 1913 Liberty Head nickel for \$46,000, to Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Bebee. (Your editor, as well as many other CSNA mem-

bers, saw this coin when it was on display at San Francisco a few years ago.)

By a unanimous vote of the Board of Governors, executive director Jack Koch's resignation was requested and received at the convention. An audit is being made of the accounts to determine the extent of the irregularities that forced this action. A further report will be submitted by ANA as soon as the audit is completed. It is to the credit of ANA that a close check is made of all accounts each year.

From the Desk of the Secretary

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DECEASED

Former 577 SPENCE, William H..... May 26, 1967
659 WORTH, William N..... June 25, 1967

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173	HODGES, George F.	1152	ROMER, Ben
540	MEMEL, Edward G.	1542	BRITTAIN, Ernestine
770	WEBB, Mrs. Helen		

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1585	DRAKE, Darwin A.....	4163 Idaho St., Apt. C, San Diego, Calif.	92104
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1771	GOTCHUR, Ray.....	c/o Elmo Myer, Rt. No. 1, Ft. Gibson, Okla.	74434
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967	JUSTUS, George.....	108 N. Swall, Los Angeles, Calif.	90048
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1503	MULLER, Mrs. Kathy.....	P.O. Box 5886, San Francisco, Calif.	94101
1652	NINETY NINE COIN CO.....	P.O. Box 99, Capistrano Beach, Calif.	92624
1560	NUMISMATIC RESEARCH GROUP.....	c/o Mrs. Marjorie L. Hoefer, 2601 MacGregor Ct., Modesto, Calif.	95350
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1135	RUPERT, Stanley K.....	P.O. Box 5525, San Antonio, Texas	78201
1547	SERO COINS, Inc.....	P.O. Box 5567, Shreveport, La.	71105
1672	TONGE, John P.....	8124 Magnolia Ave., Riverside, Calif.	92504
1405	TUREEN, Steven C.....	821st Medical Group, Box 89, Ellsworth A.F.B., So. Dakota	57706
1582	UPLAND COIN CLUB.....	P.O. Box 1106, Pomona, Calif.	91766
1536	WEBB, V. L.....	236 Belden, Monterey, Calif.	93940
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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Membership, May 15, 1967.....	921
New Members, May 16 to Aug. 15, 1967.....	23
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Address Unknown	1
Net Membership, Aug. 15, 1967.....	938
Total Life Memberships.....	81
1967 Dues Not Yet Paid.....	73

— CHARLES G. COLVER

From the Desk of the Treasurer

40th SEMI-ANNUAL CONVENTION — APRIL 13-16, 1967
SACRAMENTO INN — SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA

ITEM	RECEIPTS	EXPENSES
Bourse	\$4,050.05	\$ 88.00
Security		824.00
Lighting		400.00
Bus Tours		76.00
Registration	1,001.00	400.00
Entertainment		100.00
Case Transportation		194.21
Exhibit Trophies and Engraving		311.66
Luncheon and Banquet	582.50	755.45
Sacramento Inn	6.98	349.25
Medals and Ribbons	292.00	973.29
Miscellaneous Expenses		310.16
Kennedy Half Dollars Transferred to Disneyland	160.00	
	\$6,092.53	\$4,782.02

—ALBERT L. BABER

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS

The **ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY** will appear in the next issue of *Calcoin News*. A few members have expressed a desire to be omitted from the directory. Your officers believe that this annual membership listing serves a very useful purpose, and wish to continue with it as before. The directory is distributed only to members of the organization, and to a few friends on the complimentary mailing list.

Any member who does not wish to have his address, or his name and address both, published, please notify the secretary before Nov. 1. Otherwise will assume you have no objections. If you prefer not to have either your name and your address published, your membership number only will be listed in sequence in the new directory. Those previously omitted need not submit a new request.

MOVED LATELY?

It seems like a good many of our CSNA members like to get around a great deal. The secretary spends a considerable amount of time in trying to run down new addresses of displaced members.

If you move, please, please send a change of address promptly to the secretary. It will save him both time and postage, for which he will be forever grateful.

—CHARLES G. COLVER

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ROBBERIES

By STANLEY K. RUPERT, San Antonio, Texas

\$100,000 per week, \$5,000,000 per year. This is what is lost to collectors, dealers and investors through robberies, burglaries, car hijacking and petty theft. Two percent may be recovered.

Who is absorbing this tremendous quantity of coins?

What methods are used to steal this many coins?

What can be done to protect your coins from being stolen?

Are there precautions to take in case coins are stolen?

In 1960 we were totally wiped out in a burglary. No insurance, no recovery. In recent months, good friends have lost everything through hijacking of their cars or burglary.

There is someone, a group or a syndicate that is large enough to fence millions of dollars yearly in rare coins with none of these coins apparently showing up on the market. Could this be? No! You or your friends are buying stolen coins from some dealer or vest-pocket peddler who is buying from the thief for 10¢ on the dollar. So you are absorbing this quantity.

Everyday a collector or dealer drives to a coin show to display his coins. While he is at the show, the car is parked in the hotel garage with the key in it. The key is "borrowed" long enough to get a dime-store duplicate, then returned. The exhibitor drives back home Sunday night, stops at a restaurant to eat. Six hours later the car is found in a vacant lot empty. A collector's family goes for a Sunday drive. A burglar watching their home can now "walk in" and clear out their life-long collection in thirty minutes. At a coin show three people approach a dealer's table. Two of them ask to see the black notebook of junk at one end of the table—while the third man "selects" a \$3 gold piece from the unlocked showcase at the other end. The attache case that "disappears" from next to your chair during coffee with the boys. To say nothing about the armed robbery in your home while you are working on your collection.

With proper prevention, you can enjoy your coins with almost no chance of theft. If you keep your coins at home, a simple cure can be used. For

under \$100 (cheap if you have the average \$2,000 holding) you can have a local burglar alarm company totally wire a closet or dresser making it a vault with a loud bell on the side of your house nearest to your neighbors.

When traveling to a show, take someone with you to sit with the car when you go to a restroom. Eat only at restaurants where you can park directly next to a large window where you will sit. If you travel often, get a double alarm system wired to your car, independent of the car batteries. A time lock can also be installed cheaply. Do not indicate that the car is wired. The surprise may catch a thief.

If you are like most people, you want to keep your coins at home where you can look at them and appreciate them. This is fine, but you can't have your cake and eat it too, unless you have clear photos taken of your key and rare coins and put said coins into a safe deposit box at your bank. The photos, with your lower priced coins will give you all you need to work with. Your key coins will be safe and the rest can be easily insured.

If you carry your coins to a show in a briefcase, use a wrist strap around the handle. If you sit down, you can hook the strap around the chair leg. This will prevent snatching.

In the event that your coins are stolen, clear photos or slides of your best coins can be used to identify your coin. Even a proof will have a tiny flaw or abnormality that a good photo will bring out.

If you lose your coins, you will naturally call the police, but on your own make an inventory to send to local dealers, coin associations and the FBI. Supply the police with any fragment of information you can that might indicate where you left yourself vulnerable to robbery and whom you may suspect.

Get nosy. Snoop around. Stop fences. By closing your eyes and buying that coin from the slightly suspicious peddler, you are insuring his success in his crooked venture and your penalty may be his return to your house some night. Encourage coin publications to list the significant

items from each robbery with as much detail as possible. The national organizations could operate a clearing house comparing items stolen with items suspected fences are offering.

With enough heat, the fence cannot offer stolen coins so will not buy. The large-scale thief without an outlet may turn to hijacking water-

melons. Without thieves, the collector could enjoy his hobby again.

The Texas Numismatic Association (TNA) has just engulfed on a security program for its members. Other groups could look into this.

Reprint from Stanley K. Rupert's Price List no. 79, Oct. 1966.

MAVERICK CALIFORNIA

STORE CARDS AND TOKENS

By CHARLES V. KAPPEN, San Jose

Assistance in determination of city of origin of scores of tokens believed to have been issued in California is asked of readers of **Calcoin News**. Most of the tokens were obtained by their various owners as California pieces or as parts of collections of tokens of the state. Some were specifically said to be San Francisco or Los Angeles in origin. The cataloguers believe that many of them were.

The help in attribution is asked by those who are cataloguing the merchant cards and tokens of California. Where possible the cataloguers have consulted city directories, telephone directories, newspaper files and other sources of authentication. Few libraries, however, contain city directories of communities other than the ones they service. A San Jose resident, for example, will find in his libraries partial sets of directories of his home town, but few of the annual volumes for any other city.

If the reader believes he recognizes the name of a place of business or of a merchant in the following listing, the cataloguers will very much appreciate his "checking it out" against directories in his library. They will appreciate knowing the years in which the name was listed in the directories. But even the word of an oldtimer in the community as to the approximate time the business existed will be helpful.

Letters appearing in parentheses in the listing are abbreviations for the manufacturer who produced the token or of the billiard manufacturing company which furnished it free of charge to the user:

Moise (M)

Klinkner (K)

Moise-Klinkner (M-K)

Patrick (P)

Patrick and Moise-Klinkner (P & MK)

J. C. Irvine (I)

Wirth & Jachens (W&J)

Irvine, Wirth & Jachens (IW&J)

Irvine & Jachens (I&J)

Los Angeles Rubber Stamp Co. (LA RS)

Los Angeles Stamp & Stationery Co. (LAS&S)

Jacob Strahle Billiard Manufacturers (JS)

J. M. Brunswick Co. (B)

Brunswick & Balke (B&B)

Brunswick Balke Collender (BBC)

Those wishing to help are asked to write to **Charles V. Kappen, 2201 Peachtree Lane, San Jose, Calif. 95128.**

A.D. G. & W. (W&J); Adin Band; Advance Amusement Co.; Ager Saloon, J. A. Ager (M); Aikens & Zahn.

The Alladio, Billy Moore (M); Alley Cigar Stand; Amador Saloon, P.F.; American Exchange Saloon, M.P. Kalich (M); Wm. Amman (Ingle System).

H. L. Andrews (M); APC; Arcade Cigar Store, Phil. Hobson; Arcade Saloon, V. Michi; Aristocrat Nite Club; Artesia Hotel (P).

Ramon Asturias (K); Athens Billiard Parlor, 330 Third St.; Atla Cash Store, E. S. Phillips (K).

Australian Exchange, 309 Third St., John Davies (J.S.); M. P. Avery Saloon (M); A. W. K. (P); A. Y. T. Co., St. Hubert (K).

Bacon's Smoke House (M); Baers; J. W. Bailey (B&B); Bailey Bros., props.; B & G Amusement Co.; B. and O. Cigar Store.

Bank Exchange, J. F. Miller (LA RS); Bank Exchange Saloon, Savage & House; Bantam Amusement Co.; Growler Barney (JS); Barrell House, DeMartini & Lombardi; S. G. Batchelor, 408 Third St.

A. Beck, P.J.; Belknap & Santa Maria; Bell of '76 Cigar (M) obv., (K) rev.; Bells Novelty Co.; Beno, 116 S. 8th St.

Best Saloon (M); Beyer's Bakery, 3225-22nd St. (M-K); B.F., 2513-24th St. (M-K); Bianchini & Barsotti Bar, 3346 Mission St. (M-K); Billiards, 214 Ocean Ave.

Billy & Harry, 631 Davis St. (M); Binkley Grocery (Ingle System); The Birch, D. K. Howard, mgr., 1206 First Ave.; Blair Hotel; J. P. Bobo (M); Bock Yo Yan Co.

Bonanza Hotel Co.; Bothwell & Browne (I); The Bowery, Fred Solomon; Brechwald Bros. (cigars); Brewers Home, E. Muri and J. Kippert.

C. Briggs (B&B); Bromberger's White Corner, 76 N. 6th St., cor. Everett; Brookins & Matthews, 217 Washington St.; Brown Barrel Club Service; The Brunswick.

Buckley (Better Built By); N. Burton; Butler & Son Drug Store (M); Butler's Candy Kitchen; Buster Page's, 111 S. 6th St.; Butte Valley Farm, C Bros. (dairy).

California Market, D. N. Vasilatos; Campbell & Theisen Saloon (M); Campus Cafe, 308 Oak St., S.E.; Canary Inn, 2519 E. 25th St.; C. & B. Co. (dairy) (M-K).

The Capital (M); Capital Cigar Store, Wm. G. Hindle (K); Capitol Saloon, 412 Third St.; Al. Carmack (saloon) (BBC); Casanove, 45 S. 4th St.

L. Casty (saloon); The Castle, 343 East St.; Catton, Neill & Co. Electrical Dept. (M-K); M. Cavlovich (saloon) (LARS); Chamalis Bros., Clark St. & Devon Ave.

E. J. Chankley, 105½ Market Place; Cherokee Saloon, J. M. McClung; Century Mining Co. Store (Hq. in S.F. —where was mine?); L. Chong, Pahala (Hawaii); Cherry's Tavern, 226 University Ave.; Albert Christy.

Chandler Grocery Co. (Ingle System); Chung Jan (M); Cigar Manfg. No. 84 (M); Clayton (BBC); The Circle, good with bottle; T. C. Clayton; C. L. L. Co.

Cleveland Cafe; Cliff House, Eugene

Grant; Cloggy's; Club Aristocrat; Club Bar, 22 Ninth St.; Club Jade; Club Lido (PMK).

Cold Stream (M); Columbia; Coast Federal Savings; Coin-A-Matic, 1112 Hennepin; Colburn & Dolson, slot machines.

John Collins, N.W. cor. 11th and Mission; Colorado Boarding House; Co. L Exchange, 12th Infantry; Columbia Bar, A. & W., 1021-1023 Folsom St.; Commerce Cafe, Reihing & Adler; Commercial Bar, 207 Center St.

Commercial Hotel Bar, Daniel McCormack (M); Commercial Saloon, S & S; C.M.M. Co. (and Chinese characters); The Condon Place; The Cottage, 400 E. 6th St.

The Cottage, G. Wahl (M); Cottage Saloon, W. H.; The Cozy (I); C. P. T. (M-K); Cranz H'nos. (M).

Cross Roads Club; Crowder Hauling Contractor; Crystal Exchange, 321 Bay St., Heber & Fields; Curley Robinson; The Coronado, P.J.W.; Custer Bar, H. Luecke.

Daisy Saloon, John O'Leary; Cal. Dale, 1065 Welton; Delbridge's Candy Factory (M); Del Monte Cigar Stand, F. W. Grau; Dempsey Bar.

Dew Drop Inn; Dew Drop Inn, Alex & Ben; Dewey (with monogram CNM, NMC, MCN, CMN or NCM — on the square); DeWilde's Buffet, 126 S. Michigan St.; Diamond Hotel, J. H. Hager.

F. H. Dickman, Dwight St., San Bruno Rd. (M); J. W. Dinsmore (B&B); DLC, 57; Dog House Club; Double Stamp Saloon, 107 Cherry St.; Dukes Place; J. A. Dunn, The Hop Vine (M).

Eagle Bar, Harrigan & Timmins; Eagle Saloon, Aselio & Morenzi; East Side Rec.; E. B. (M); Ed's Barber Shop; El Capitan (saloon); El Diego.

Electric Prize Shooting Gallery (M-K); Wm. Ellwood (Ingle System); Emerald Glen Dairy; The Encinal, George Giese; E. R. V. L. Co. (P); ET; Eureka (M); Excelsior Home Bakery, J. E. Forster.

Fairwind Saloon, Jack Welch; Faul & Faul; J. C. Gaustina (good for one day's work); F. M. Fellows, candidate for sheriff of Humboldt Co. 1892 (free coinage of silver or bust).

Fifth Street Store Soda Fountain; 565 Jackson St. (M-K); Edw. C. Flachmeier, 617 Pine St.; Flora's Corner, 6885 N. Lombard; Yow Fong & Co. (cigars).

J. S. Ford, 505 Hayes St. (I); 443 (M-K); Fox's Wonder Club; Frank's Ice Houses, 222 Yale St., 6303 Griggs Rd., and 10511 Market St.

French's Cafe, 5951 S. Avalon; Frisco, F.S.; E. Fritz (M); F. S. (I); The Fulton Bar, O.M.; Fun Token, good for a laugh today.

G. A., Oro Fino Saloon, 321 Front St.; G. & J. Machine Check, F. at 2nd (M); G. B.; Gem Saloon, C. F. Sadowski; H. M. George (Ingle System); G. C., The Puck; Georgetown Tavern.

George Washington Cafeteria; J. Ghiorso (saloon); G. J. (One box); Golden Eagle Cigar Stand, B. & C., 249 Third St.; Golden Eagle Store, S. & A. (saloon) (M).

Golden Eagle Saloon, Antoine Schmitt, 257 S. 1st St.; The Golden Gate, Selk & Purnhagen, 130 Third St. (JS); Golden Gate Villa, Hagerty Bros., Ocean Beach (K); Golden Gate Villa, Leonhardt & Hagerty, Ocean Beach (I); Golden West Exchange (M-K); J. R. Good Breslau.

Goodmans, 555 Harney St.; Grotto Cigar Store; Grotto Saloon, James R. Daly; Growler Barney; Gum & Jeffry (P); Ed. Guy, 117 Linden.

L. Haasc; Hagel's Billiard Parlor; Hales & Symons (cafe) (K); Hammond & Waters (I); H. & B., 10 Third St. (PMK).

Geo. Hansen Slot Machines; M. Hanson (P); Happy Hollow Saloon, W. B. Null; Harrison Cafe, 712-714 Harrison St. (P); C. G. Hawley, Billiards & Pool; J. B. Hayes, 723 Pike St.

Hayes Smoke Shop; Haywards Saloon, John Silva, 622 Castro St.; H. C. & S. Co. (M); E. A. Head, 1406 Fourth Ave.; The Headquarters, Jos. Stenner (saloon) (M).

O. A. Hecox (BBC); Wilh. Heise; Helvetia Saloon (BBC); H. W. Hickey (P); Hicks, 1020 S. Washington Ave.; Hillcrest Dairy (P); Hilton Hotel.

Hinckley & Co. Store, Robinson's (M); The Hofbrau, 1116 Franklin St. (P or M-K); Hoffman Saloon Parlor (P); Hogan & Jacobs (saloon); Holmes, Booth & Haydens, 9 S.G. Spring.

Hong Kong & Co., 48 Washington Alley (M or K); Hop Vine, J. A. Dunn (M); Hank's Place, 978 Selby; Hotel Bains, Spa; Hotel Dale Bar, Russell & Murphy (M-K).

Hotel Elwood, J. A. Muck (LARS); Hotel Fremont, Gentle & Wheat; Hotel Johnson Bar; Howard's, 719 S.

10th St.; The Hub (P); Hurley's, 38 Third St.

I.C.F., 305½ California St. (or J.C. F.); Idle Hour; Indian Cigar Store (P&M-K); The Inn, George Wharton (M); International Saloon, D. Barnett; International Saloon.

Jack & Sam; Jack's Place; Jack's Pool Parlor, 1561 Ellis St.; Jacobs & Gallatin, 320 Commercial St. (bakery); Jakes Place, 143 Main St.

J. G. James Saloon (M-K); L. E. Jarvis, 306 Connecticut St.; J. Jeff (I); J. E. K.; J. G. Cigar Store, 215 Pine St. (K).

J. G. (M); J. H. M. & Co. (saloon); Jiggs; Jimmie's 684 Third St.; J. L. H.; J. M.; J. M. R.

Joe's Dog House, 1969 Lawrence Ave.; W. E. Johnson (saloon) (M); Johnson's; B. R. Jones; Jones & Eckhardt (cigars); Jordan & Hoffman (B).

J. P. W. (saloon); J. S.C. (saloon) (P); J. U. H. S. Store (high school?); Junior Chamber of Commerce Xmas Tree Fund; J. W. D. (M).

The Kalamazoo (vars. figs, including 0015 and 0020) (K); K. & B. (saloon); K & H; Kashu Hotel, 1019 Stockton St. (M or K); Keating & Flood (I).

Keck & Welch (saloon) (M); Ken's Alleys, 2110 W. Broadway; Kenwood Hotel (Kenwood, Calif.?); Kern Drug Co. (W&J); Keystone Bar; K F on obv., edifice on rev.; A. J. Killimede (cigars).

King & Silva, 2824-30th St.; King Cloths (sic) Shop, 928 S. Broadway; Kinney & Porter (M); K. N., The Washington Club.

Knicker Pie Eater's Club (Third Degree-Rev. M); H. L. Knight, The Wellington; Kelly & Reily, Union Saloon, 323 N. Main; John P. Knudsen; N. Knudson (I); K. Y. Pool Hall.

L, 451 Market St.; Don R. Lake, 117 W. Washington St.; L. & H. Cafe, 326 Stark St., between Sixth and Seventh; Charlie Landis, 43 Third St. (P or M-K).

Lane & Co., 114 W. Holly; W. R. Lansdale Saloon; Lansdale & Nooner Saloon; The Leader (good time and good music); Lello's Bar, R. Allegrini, 433 Broadway.

W. J. Lemps Beer Depot, 411 Bush St., Waiter Check; J. Sanchez Lepis; L. E. S. Saloon (K); LF 809 811 (M-K); LF, 128 East St.; Lick Cigar Store, J. J. Kenny, 197-10th St. (M).

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EGYPTIAN PTOLEMY COIN

To the visitor just a copper coin.

To the collector an Egyptian coin of Ptolemy kings.

To the numismatist it unfolds the past, spreading out a story of years gone by — of battles, victories and defeats; the sorrows and joys of kings and queens. Then it faded away thousands of years ago, buried from view in some tomb or treasure hiding place. Who dared to disturb the quiet rest of this copper coin?

The question comes to mind, as I ponder, should it now remain buried in a coin cabinet? Or, should I as a club member exhibit the coin and tell

my story. Yes, mine, because by chance a fellow numismatist invited me to touch an ancient Egyptian king's heart scarab, which he had on display. Is it cursed, I asked. The answer was unhesitatingly: No! But he explained that I had just touched something that is four thousand years old.

Then to my surprise, not five minutes later, the coin was awarded to me as a door prize. At that moment it was just a copper coin in my hand. Now it is a treasure with memories that I share as an exhibit at various coin club meetings.

—WALTER GERTH

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CO-OPERATOR'S GARDEN

First, plant two rows of P's:

Presence

Perseverance

Next, plant three rows of Squash:

Squash gossip

Squash indifference

Squash unjust criticism

Next, plant four rows of Lettuce:

Let us be ready to assist

Let us be unselfish and loyal

Let us abide by the rules and regulations

Let us be true to our obligations

And, no garden is complete without Turnips:

Turn up for meetings

Turn up with a smile

Turn up with new ideas

Turn up with a display

Turn up with determination to be friendly to all.